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**SEVEN AREA MEN INDICTED IN CHARLES COUNTY
ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

Greenbelt, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted the following seven individuals for crimes arising from a 3 year conspiracy to distribute powder cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana in Charles County, Maryland:

Steven Andre Fenwick, age 31, of White Plains, Maryland;
Henry Antoine Saunders, age 25, of Washington, D.C.;
Antoine Gregory Powell, age 36, of Clinton, Maryland;
Eric Aaron Lyles, age 32, of Waldorf, Maryland;
Johnny Junior Fenwick, age 26, of Waldorf, Maryland;
Lynell Walter Dade, age 39, of Waldorf, Maryland; and
Craig Lamont Myers, age 32, of Bowling Green, Virginia.

The indictment, which was returned by the grand jury on October 27, 2003 and unsealed today upon the arrests of 5 of the 7 defendants, alleges that Steven Fenwick coordinated the distribution of large quantities of drugs to numerous customers by, among other things, directing other co-conspirators and associates to meet him at various gas stations, convenience stores and other locations throughout Charles County and Prince George's County. The indictment also alleges

that Steven Fenwick, in order to reward his incarcerated customers for remaining silent and not cooperating with law enforcement officers during their incarceration, provided controlled substances to those customers upon their release from prison.

In arresting the defendants today, officers and agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Charles County Sheriff's Office executed several search warrants in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The defendants who have been arrested are expected to have their initial appearances today at the United States District Court in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The maximum penalty faced by each defendant is life imprisonment and a \$4 million fine. The indictment also seeks a forfeiture of up to \$2 million from each named defendant.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of a two-year long joint investigation by the Charles County Sheriff's Office, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mythili Raman and James Pyne.